

We hope that this letter will, in some small measure, express our appreciation and gratitude to you for this fine contribution toward the war effort.

In naval parlance, you have proved to be shipmates of the highest order, so the officers and crew of this station join me in wishing you and yours a happy and prosperous cruise.

(Signed) T. T. KING,
Lieut. Comdr. D-V(S), USNR,
Officer in Charge.

Concerning American Board of Otolaryngology: Midwinter E. E. N. T. Course in Los Angeles:

Los Angeles, June 29, 1943.

To the Editor:—The American Board of Otolaryngology will conduct an examination in Los Angeles on February 2 to 5, 1944, following the meeting of the Midwinter Clinical Course of the Research Study Club, provided at least fifty applicants are accepted. It is urgently requested that applications be submitted immediately so that the Board may plan accordingly. Address all applications to Dean M. Lierle, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, University Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa.

The Thirteenth Annual Midwinter Postgraduate Clinical Course of the Research Study Club of Los Angeles will be given from January 17 to 28, inclusive, 1944, to be succeeded by the special course in Applied Anatomy and Cadaver Surgery of the Head and Neck, to follow immediately after the Clinical Course. Both courses afford an unusual opportunity for members applying to the American Board of Otolaryngology to obtain an up-to-the-minute refresher course just prior to their examination. . . .

1147 Roosevelt Building,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) HAROLD F. WHALMAN, M.D.

Concerning a Letter of Appreciation to the California Medical Association:

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THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
CALIFORNIA

June 19, 1943.

Dear Mr. Hunton:

In acknowledging your letter of June 18 and the check for \$1,125, representing the 1943 contribution of the California Medical Association to our Lane Medical Library, I want to tell the Association how much this assistance means to us at a time when we are under pressure not only to provide our usual service, but to assist the medical officers of our Army and Navy who are making active use of our facilities.

We will make every effort to continue to merit your support.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) NATHAN VAN PATTEN,
Director.

Concerning California Medical Association Donations to California Libraries:

LIBRARY OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Los Angeles, California,
June 23, 1943.

To the California Medical Association Council:

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Council for the check of the California Medical Association in the sum of \$1,125 as the 1943 contribution of the Association to the Library.

We have recently had numerous requests from medical men outside the County, but within the State, as well as from some in service outside the State. It has been a source of great interest and gratification to serve these men, and the check received each year from the California Medical Association helps make this service possible.

Again thanking you for your generous contribution,

Sincerely,

(Signed) HAZEL M. GRANGER,
Librarian.

C.M.A. Medical-Nursing Liaison Committee

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

May 28, 1943.

Association of California Hospitals
1182 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Attention: Mr. Kenneth Williamson, Executive Secretary
Dear Mr. Williamson:

Yesterday I read to you a letter addressed to Captain Philip K. Gilman, Chairman of the C.M.A. Council, and received from Councilor R. Stanley Kneeshaw, Medico-Dental Building, San Jose.

The letter referred to the problem of short-handedness in nursing personnel which has arisen at the San Jose Hospital.

You informed me that your Association had appointed a liaison committee to work with the State Nursing groups, and that this newly appointed committee would probably hold a meeting some time during the coming week.

Council Chairman Gilman has also appointed a special committee to represent the Council of the California Medical Association, the committee to consist of the following:

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, M.D., Medico-Dental Bldg., San Jose, Chairman.

L. A. Alesen, M.D., 1925 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles.

Edwin L. Bruck, M.D., 384 Post St., San Francisco.

It is possible that when your own committee meets, it may wish to communicate with Dr. Kneeshaw to learn whether some member of his committee may also sit in at the conference.

We shall be happy to be kept informed of any new developments which may be pertinent to medical practice.

Cordially yours,

GEORGE H. KRESS, M.D.,
Secretary-Editor.

MEDICAL EPONYM

Skodaic Tympany

This is described by Dr. Joseph Skoda (1805-1881), chief physician of the Vienna General Hospital, in his book, *Abhandlung über Perkussion und Auskultation* [*Treatise on Percussion and Auscultation*] (Vienna, 1839). A portion of the translation from the third edition (Vienna, 1844), follows:

"It would seem contrary to the laws of physics that a lung containing a small amount of air should give a tympanitic note, whereas the same lung with an increased air content is not tympanitic. The fact, however, is well established and is borne out not only by experiments made on the cadaver, which will be referred to later, but by the constant finding that in the presence of exudate in the thoracic cavity, which entirely compresses the lower part of the lung and markedly reduces the volume of the upper lobe, the percussion note is distinctly tympanitic over the upper part of the thorax."—R. W. B., in *New England Journal of Medicine*.